

AGENDA



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

December 12, 2024
5:30 pm

Regular Meeting Location:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 1
6555 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Teleconferencing is available at:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 2
13400 Erwin Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Instructions for Presentations to The Board by Parents and Citizens

The Ararat Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond, or take action. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the "Request to Address the Governing Board” form" available on the School’s website. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Governing Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time.
3. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
4. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
5. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupts the Board meeting.
6. Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the School's Governing Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on Ararat Charter School's website along with this agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.
7. Disability Access: Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling (818) 994-2904 or cmenjivar@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. OPEN SESSION

- a. **Call to Order**
- b. **Roll Call**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING(S)

- a. October 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- b. November 21, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

- a. October 2024
- b. November 2024

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

a. PUBLIC HEARING/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes, and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations, and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give directions to staff following a presentation.

b. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

- **Assessments**
 - 2024 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) and Resident Schools Data
 - NWEA MAPS Assessments commence December 10 through December 13, 2024
- **English Learner Instruction**
 - No update
- **Special Education**
 - Pro-Act Refresher Training for Tier 2 and 3 Behaviors
- **General Education**
 - Bernardi Senior Center Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - 5th grade girls visited Girls Athletic Leadership School (GALS)
 - Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion presentations in the upper grades
 - Chocolate Sales Fundraiser in progress
 - Alex's Toy Drive in progress
 - Winter Performances
 - Ararat Programs for Extended learning (APEX) Winter Camp January 6-10, 2025
 - Charter School Division (CSD) visit scheduled on January 16, 2025
- **School Fiscal Plans**
 - LCAP – midyear update coming around January

c. OPERATIONS AND/OR COMPLIANCE MANAGERS' REPORTS

This is a presentation of information since the previous Board meeting. (Per attached report)

1. Enrollment

- Latest student enrollment report by grade level

2. Attendance

- Report on the percentage of the Monthly Attendance

3. State and Local Mandated Reports

- Immunization Report due to the state December 13, 2024
- School Accountability Report Card (SARC) window opens mid-November and is due no later than February 1, 2025
- Continuation of Health and Welfare benefits
- Charter School Compliance Monitoring Board Certification

4. Update on Legislation

- No Update

d. FINANCIAL REPORT

This is an update on what has transpired since the last board meeting.

1. First Interim Budget Report

V. DISCUSSION, INFORMATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

After the presentations, the Board will consider which items will be removed from the list of "consent" items which will be adopted with a single vote without discussion. This is followed by the Board discussing and voting on the items removed from the list by the Board or where individuals have signed up to address the Board on the item.

a. Update on Facilities

- i. Presentation by Ryan Eldridge from Grow Schools**
- ii. Information gathering from Dr. Caprice Young**
- iii. Possible purchase of property in Mission Hills, CA**

b. California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) Conference Expenditures

c. 2025-2026 School Annual Calendar

d. Health Benefits (Medical, Dental, Vision) Continuation

e. 2024-2025 Compliance Monitoring Board Certification

VI. CLOSED SESSION

*Adjourned to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:
Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)*

Title:

- **Pupil Discipline**
- **Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of Personnel**
- **Real Estate Negotiations**

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in the Closed Session if any

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- a. Approval is Requested for First Interim Budget Report**
- b. Approval is Requested for Charter School Compliance Monitoring Certification**
- c. Approval is Requested for the 2025-2026 School Annual Calendar**
- d. Approval is Requested for the possible purchase of property in Mission Hills, CA**
- e. Approval is Requested for the Continuation of Health and Welfare Benefits**
- f. Approval is Requested for California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) Conference Expenditures**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm – Brown Act/Governance Training
January 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm – Yearly Reorganization Meeting
January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm – Regular Board Meeting

XI. ADJOURNMENT